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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of November 19, 2009, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on February 19, 2010, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejections set forth in the Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

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Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

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